THE HOLLAND McCOMBS FILES
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Organization of the Files

1. The collection is organized into **Series**. The files dealing with the JFK assassination are found in **Series 5**.

2. The Series are divided into **Boxes**. There are more than 160 boxes. **Boxes 150-157** deal with the JFK assassination, with 3 or 4 otherr, higher-numbered boxes relate, in detail, to the trial of Jack Ruby.

3. Within each box, there are **Files**. These files are kept in tan colored, 8 1/2 by 14 tab folders. There are usually about 15-20 files per box. An individual file ranges in size from a single sheet of paper to up to 20-30 pages. Most files seem to be about 5-6 pages.

4. The files consist of such items as:
   (a) handwritten notes on yellow legal paper, many of which are McCombs notes made during or just after interviews;
   (b) typed memos to Life in New York, often to Dick Billings;
   (c) typed memos from Life in New York, often from Billings
   (d) typed summaries of investigations McCombs has carried on, apparently memos to the file
   (e) miscellaneous photographs, contact prints, receipts, etc.
   (f) newspaper clippings on the JFK subject

5. From the standpoint of subject matter, the files contain items dealing with:
   (a) a major "reinvestigation" (Life's word) of the assassination, which was intensively conducted during the latter part of 1966. A great amount of information flowed back and forth between New York and McCombs in Dallas, and several investigators came to Dallas to conduct the "reinvestigation."
   (b) interviews with witnesses and principals--Sergio Arcacha Smith, Glen King of DPD, eyewitnesses in Dealey Plaza, Jack Martin, etc.
   (c) exchange of letters with David Chandler of New Orleans concerning the handling of the Zapruder film
   (d) investigation (and speculation) about Silvia Odio and the connections of Cubans in Dallas to the assassination.
   (e) exchange of memos and letters with Hugh Aynesworth, Clay Shaw and others

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S5, B150, F1
file on Sergio Arcacha Smith, apparently includes an interview

S5, B150, F9
letters, notes of conversations with Hugh Aynesworth, a friend of McCombs!

S5, B150, F8
general review of anti-Warren Commission materials.

S5, B150, no title
set of pictures of Howard Brennan

S5, B150, F16
CBS broadcast articles (?)

S5, B150, F17
4 letters to/from David Chandler regarding acquisition of the Zapruder film

S5, B150, F19
Governor Connally's wounding

S5, B151, F1
General conspiracy notes

S5, B151, F3
letters, notes concerning Roger Craig

S5, B151, F5
notes of telephone conversation with assassination eyewitness George Davis on grassy knoll

S5, B151, F8
material on Jerry Fine, whose friend had a reference to LHO in his diary

S5, B151, F9
a crane operator behind TSBD saw heavy-set man leave TSBD and go to railroad flatcar

S5, B151, F____
file on Roy Cooper and Ely Sturges of Oak Cliff, has to do with films or film rights

S5, B151, F17
Jack Martin, spokesman for DCA group, about films

S5, B151, F22
various stills showing Kennedys before assassination

S5, B151, F23
negotiations with Phil Willis to buy Willis still photos

S5, B152, F3
Jim Garrison and **Lee Odom**

S5, B152, F5
JFK, Garrison and Mob. Has to do with Life fear that Time is going to use tape/photos to expose anti-Castro activities in New Orleans

S5, B152, F6-10
Various Garrison matters, including much material on Dean Andrews

S5, B152, F11-13
Materials from Shaw trial, **includes letters to/from Shaw and McCombs**

S5, B152, F15
Contacts, correspondence between McCombs and S.M. Holland

S5, B153, F1
Billy Lovelady

S5, B153, F3
Helen Markham (6 letters) apparently portrayed as brave woman

S5, B153, F4
Harry McCormick (DMN) trying to get a finder's fee for his role in Z film

S5, B153, F6
Russell Wence McLarry, Dallas machinist

S5, B153, F15-16
Contacts with Marguerite Oswald

S5, B153, F17
Marina Oswald

S5, B153, F18
Opinions, information about Marina's business managers, lawyers

S5, B154, F1-4
Lee's notebook, Robert Oswald

S5, B154, F7
Parkland and head shot, includes handwritten notes

S5, B157(?), F7
Rifle used in shooting attempt on General Walker